

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 Apr 58		2. LOCATION Spangdahlem AFB, Germany		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft & contrail <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 22/1730Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Sphere about seventy two feet in diameter, luminous w/black smoke contrail. Appeared to fade out. Obj about size of RB-66 a/c.				11. COMMENTS There was an RB-66 A/C in the area at that time. This is probably obj sighted.	

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Multi

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BT

UNCLAS THIS IS A UFOB MESSAGE.

(A) ROUND LIKE LUMINOUS SHAPE ABOUT SIZE OF RB-66 AIRCRAFT.

(B) SPHERE ABOUT SEVENTY TWO FEET IN DIAMETER.

(C) WHITE LUMINOUS FOLLOWED BY BLACK SMOKE CONTRAIL.

(D) ONE

(E) N/A

(F) SEE ABOVE

(G) BLACK SMOKE CONTRAIL.

(H) NEGATIVE

(I) N/A

AM 24 03 5453

174E4

34X2A

(110)

See * item
30. Below

How was this determined?
Special instruments
used?

Note: CHARACTERISTIC
OF COMBUSTION
ENGINE

Note, Good clue! Indicates
Combustion engine
this

MOON

Clue

HAZE OR CLOUD
CAUSE

RESEARCH N/A

UNRECORDED N/A

Diffused appearance
of a/c moving through
hazy, clouds, etc.

RECONSTRUCTION
OF PROBABLE
INCIDENT
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2 (A) OBJECT WAS FIRST SIGHTED BY PILOT AND PILOT ALERTED
OTHER CREW MEMBERS.

(B) OBJECT APPEARED ABOUT FORTY FIVE DEGREES BELOW THE AIR-
CRAFT IN THE TEN O'CLOCK POSITION.

(C) SAME AS B.

(D) AIRCRAFT WAS AT THIRTY SIX FIVE HUNDRED FEET AND OBJECT'S
FLIGHT PATH WAS STREIGHT AND LEVEL ON SAME HEADING.

(E) SUBJECT
~~BEFORE~~ APPEARED TO FADE OUT.

(F) APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES: *blue*

3 (A) AIR VISUAL

(B) NEGATIVE

(C) RB-66 54-459, THIRTY SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FEET,
ZERO THREE ZERO, TAS FOUR FIFTY, SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, GERMANY.

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(B) DUSK

5 (A) 48.04 DEGREES NORTH 06.02 DEGREES EAST

6 (A) N/A

(B) BLEDSE, CARROLL H. CAPTAIN 42ND TRS PILOT

CLYATT, WILLIAM L. JR. CAPTAIN 42ND TRS ECM OBS

ANTICOLI, LOUISANT 1978 1/1LT 42ND T TRS ECM OBS

* NOTE:

There was

an RB-66
in the location
at that time
(See 1st item
of this report
- i.e. observer
states of
shape & size
of RB-66.)

Not time of sighting,
(considered the coast for
ability to sight and interpret
properly) — DUSK
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FITZGERALD, THOMAS J. 1/LT 42ND TRS NAV

RISPOLI, JOHN J. 1/LT 42ND TRS ECM OBS

SUMPTER, THOMAS W. JR. 1/LT 42ND TRS ECM OBS

MATHIS, CLARENCE R. S/SGT 42ND TRS GUNNER

ALL OF THESE PERSONNEL ARE QUALIFIED, RATED PERSONNEL AND ARE
CONSIDERED (B) USUALLY RELIABLE.

7 (A) AND UNDERCAST CONDITION EXISTED WITH TOPS APPROXIMATE-
LY AT TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED FEET.

(B) CHAUMONT AIR FORCE BASE WEATHER STATION REPORTED IN
ITS TWELVE O'CLOCK OBSERVATION SURFACE WINDS LIGHT AND VAIIRA-
ABLE, SIX THOUSAND FOOT WINDS 350/5 TEN THOUSAND 310/10
SIXTEEN TTHOUSAND 340/10 TWENTY THOUSAND 350/10 THIRTY THOU-
SAND 030/15 FIFTY THOUSAND JWIPXQT

(C) PILOT WAS ABOVE THE UNDERCAST AND REPORTED ONLY HAZE
ABOVE WITH TEN TO FIFTY MILES VISABILITY.

(E) N/A

(F) NEGATIVE

8 (A) PILOT REPORTED THAT OBJECT APPEARED WHILE OVER (SOLID HAZE
UNDERCAST AND FADED OUT WHEN AIR CRAFT BROKE UNTO THE CLEAR.
THE GUNNER AGAIN REPORTED THE OBJECT AFTER FIRST SIGHTING

Juste
SW +
cloud
conditions

SOLID HAZE

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UPPING PENERATION AT SPANGDAHLEM AIR FORCE BASE AT 1904Z.

AS OBJECT MAINTAINED A STRAIGHT AND LEVEL FLIGHT PATH
PILOT MANOEUVURED AIRCRAFT FROM ONE SIDE OF THE OBJECT TO THE
OTHER IN ORDER THAT ALL OBSERVERS MIGHT VIEW THE OBJECT
THERE WAS NO OTHER AIR TRAFFIC IN THE AREA.

INTELLIGENCE OFFICER 42ND TRS. THIS SIGHTING WAS VARI-
FIED BY SEVEN CREW MEMBERS, THE DISTANCE FROM THE AIRCRAFT
VARIED AMONG THE OBSERVERS. THE OBJECT WAS DESCRIBED AS
SIMILAR TO A LUMINOUS PUFFY WHITE CLOUD FOLLOWED BY A TRAIL
OF BLACK SMOKE. ALTHOUGH THIS SIGHTING COULD HAVE BEEN A
REFLECTION FROM THE CLOUDS OF THE AIRCRAFT SHADOW SEVERAL
CHANGES OF HEADING FROM 030 TO 210 DEGREES FAILED CHANGE
THE REPORTED SHAPE FROM SEVERAL DIFFERENT POSITIONS. THE
POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA NOT SEEN BY THE
CREWMEMBERS CAN NOT BE EXCLUDED. IT IS BELIEVED PROBABLE
BY THE CREWMEMBERS THAT THE SIGHTING WAS CAUSED BY METEOROLOG-
ICAL CONDITIONS NEVER BEFORE OBSERVED BY THEM. THE PREPAR-
ING OFFICER CONCURS, WITH THIS BELIEF.

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Comment:

Handbook of UFO
reports of what
light from an aircraft at the
noon) can do by way
of reflections inside an
overcast or haze - the
reflection will inevitably
be puffy & fuzzy - never
clearly defined - depending
on the density of the haze, clouds
or light source.

ATK Conclusion: Prob. A/C

- 1 - Object, as admitted by observer,
shaped & looked like RB-66
jet - 1C
- 2 - RB-66 was in that location
- 3 - Dust, adverse cloud and
sighting conditions result
in the form as described -
detail is lost
- 4 - Object emits thick smoke trail
- 5 - Most important that
jet is dark, in contrast
it can be made out more
from a dark - not after
dark - requirement of observation

Cloud: indication
of combustion
gas

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Concurs:
Very good
Hypothesis, under
the circumstances

Object is the same as shown
in the previous report